

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated May 17, 2007 and pursuant to the telephonic conference between Examiner and Applicants' representative. Applicants thank Examiner for extending the courtesy of the telephonic conference. Pursuant to that conference, Applicants have amended the figures, the specification, and the claims in order to clarify key features of the invention and overcome the respective objections and 112 rejections. No new matter has been added, and all amendments are fully supported by the originally filed specification, claims, and/or figures.

The amendments also place claims of the application in better condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of the various amendments. The discussion/arguments provided below reference the claims in their amended form.

IN THE FIGURES

In the present Office Action, the figures are objected to. Accordingly, and pursuant to the telephonic conference, Applicants have reviewed the figures and provided corrections thereto. Replacement sheets incorporating these amendments are attached to the present amendment. Where necessary, Applicants have also amended the specification to provide full support for all referenced features of the figures. No new matter has been added to the figures or to the supporting specification, as all illustrated features were fully disclosed by the originally filed specification, claims, and/or figures. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to the figures.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At paragraph 4 of the present Office Action, the disclosure is objected to because of informalities. Accordingly, Applicants have reviewed the specification and provided corrections thereto. Where appropriate, the specification has been amended to support the amendments to the figures, and vice versa. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to the specification.

CLAIMS OBJECTIONS

At paragraph 5 of the present Office Action, Claims 3, 5-8, 11, 13, 15 and 17-26 are objected to because of informalities. Accordingly, Applicants have reviewed the claims and provided amendments thereto. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments to the claims. The amendments place these claims in better condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

At paragraph 10 of the Office Action, Examiner states that Claims 17, 18 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in the present Office Action. Also, at paragraph 11, Examiner states that Claims 19, 20 and 22-26 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph set forth in this Office Action. Applicants thank Examiner for the favorable disposition of these claims.

With respect to the above claims and remaining claims within the Application, Applicants have amended the figures and claims to overcome the objections and rejections thereto. The amendments to the claims remove the conditions on the allowability of the above claims and places all the remaining claims in condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests Examiner remove the conditions on the allowance and extend the allowance to include all pending claims.

CLAIMS REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

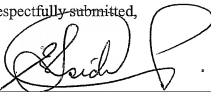
In the present Office Action, Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10, 11, 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Further, Claims 8, 19, 20 and 22-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As noted above, Applicants have amended the figures, specification, and claims to overcome the present § 112, first and second paragraph, rejections of all of the present claims. The amendments overcomes all of the § 112 rejections, and Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and removal of the rejections in light of the amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have diligently responded to the Office Action by amending the figures, specification and claims, where appropriate, to overcome the respective objections/rejections thereto. Given Examiner's provisional allowance of claims in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Office Action and pursuant to the telephonic conference, the present amendments overcomes the various objections and rejections to the remaining claims and places all claims in condition for allowance. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims now pending.

Applicants further respectfully request the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at 512.343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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